

**COMHAIRLE BAILE MHUINEACHÁIN**  
**MONAGHAN TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of Adjourned Annual General Meeting of Monaghan Town Council held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 5.30p.m.in the Council Chamber of Monaghan Town Council, Town Hall, No. 1 Dublin Street, Monaghan.

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**Cathaoirleach:** Cllr. Seamus Treanor

**Present:** Cllrs Mary Carroll, Seán Conlon, Thomas Hagan, Paul McGeown, Donal Sherry, David Maxwell and Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha.

**In Attendance:** David Fallon, County Manager, Dermot Deeney, Town Engineer, Marie Deighan, Town Clerk and Sinead McCann, Staff Officer.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Cllr. Robbie Gallagher.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Seamus Treanor stated that it was an honour for himself and his family for him to be elected Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council for the year 2012 - 2013. Cllr Treanor thanked David Fallon, County Manager, Marie Deighan, Town Clerk, Dermot Deeney, Town Engineer, Jonathan Condell, Assistant Engineer, the outdoor staff of the Town Council, Cllr Mary Carroll, Leas Cathaoirleach, Peter Hughes, Northern Standard Reporter and Northern Sound Reporters for their co-operation and work during his term of office.

**1. Election of Cathaoirleach**

The Town Clerk, Marie Deighan, called for proposals for Cathaoirleach for 2013/2014. Cllr Paul McGeown was proposed by Cllr Seán Conlon and seconded by Cllr Pádraigín Uí Mhurchadha. There, be no further proposals for the office of Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul McGeown was deemed elected Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Seán Conlon stated that Cllr. Paul McGeown has a record of being a very committed community and voluntary worker and that he is an FAI Certified Referee who referees throughout Ireland. Cllr. McGeown has run 27 marathons and has steered successfully the Blackwater 10k Fun Walk/Run. Cllr. Conlon also stated that Cllr. McGeown is committed to the cause of the Special Olympics and has voluntarily coached many of these young men and women. It was noted that Cllr. McGeown has also coached school children in soccer and athletics in a number of schools in the town.

Cllr Paul McGeown took the chair.

The newly elected Cathaoirleach paid tribute to his predecessor, Cllr. Seamus Treanor for an excellent job over the year. Cllr. McGeown thanked the Members for electing him as Cathaoirleach and stated that he is looking forward to the Monaghan Town Country and Western Music Festival and believes that this event will put Monaghan Town on the map as a tourist destination, the Taste of Monaghan Festival and the Harvest Time Blues Festival. Cllr. McGeown referred to the abolition of Town Councils and stated that the damage that this will cause will become evident in future years. Cllr. McGeown hoped that the Members will fulfill their duties to the best of their ability as they were elected to do by the people of Monaghan. Cllr. McGeown also thanked his wife, Amanda and his children, Lauren and Oisín for their support.

## **2. Election of Leas-Cathaoirleach.**

Cllr Paul McGeown called for proposals for Leas Cathaoirleach. Cllr Seamus Treanor was proposed by Cllr. Seán Conlon and seconded by Cllr Thomas Hagan.

The Members of the Town Council congratulated Cllr Paul McGeown on his appointment as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council and wished him every success in the forthcoming year.

David Fallon, County Manager thanked Cllr. Seamus Treanor for his work as Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council and congratulated Cllr. Paul McGeown on his election. The County Manager stated that Cllr. McGeown has been elected as possibly the last Cathaoirleach of Monaghan Town Council and that this is a very historic occasion as it is the Council's last AGM. Mr. Fallon also informed the Members that the position of Town Clerk is an older institution and heralds back to Norman times and that Marie Deighan will be the last of a group of people to hold the position.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Dated this the 15th day of July 2013

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

